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Geoff Young
 Chair and
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Dear Chair Young and Directors:

Thank you for submitting the Capital Regional District (CRD) Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) Progress Report dated December 15, 2008 which includes the Macaulay and Clover Points Wastewater and Marine Environment Program 2007 Annual Report, a summary of liquid waste management planning work completed between June and December 2008 and the proposed work for 2009.

The progress report indicates that you have moved forward on some of the issues that prompted the one-year extension of the amendment deadline, specifically integrated resource management and public and First Nations consultation. I am also encouraged that you have secured a site that could potentially be used for the Saanich East sewage treatment facility.

However, I have noted that you have not yet provided some of the deliverables identified in the June 17, 2008 business plan, among them discussion papers on the development of alternate scenarios for distributed wastewater management, including refinement of biosolids/resource management and cost estimates. I also note that there is considerable work to be done in 2009 to select and secure sites for sewage treatment facilities. Delays in completing the discussion papers and securing sewage treatment plant sites must not affect the submission of a complete LWMP amendment by December 31, 2009. Please continue working with Ministry of Environment, Regional Environmental Protection staff to address the submission of the outstanding discussion papers.

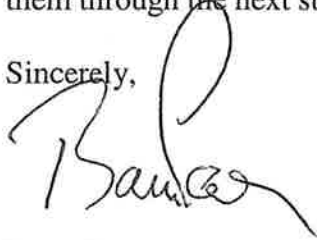
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The British Columbia Government's expectation is that the CRD will provide leadership around sustainable and innovative solutions to sewage treatment, and meet its commitment to submit a complete LWMP amendment by December 31, 2009. As cited in my December 17, 2007 letter to you, the objectives are:

1. Meet the regulatory standard for liquid waste.
2. Minimize total project cost to the taxpayer by maximizing economic and financial benefits, including beneficial reuse of resources and generation of offsetting revenue.
3. Optimize the distribution of infrastructure based on number 2 above.
4. Aggressively pursue opportunities to minimize and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (e.g., reduced requirement of energy for pumping purposes, and beneficial re-use of energy).
5. Optimize 'smart growth' results (e.g., district services, density, 'Dockside Green'-like innovation).
6. Examine the opportunity to save money, transfer risk and add value through a public private partnership.

I look forward to your next progress report on or before June 30, 2009. Ministry of Environment staff are reviewing the reports and discussion papers in detail and will provide comments directly to the CRD. I encourage you to continue your working relationship with them through the next stage of this project.

Sincerely,



Barry Penner
Minister

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